

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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#### NOTICE OF HDC APPLICATION

### ABUTTERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

You have been identified either as an abutter or interested party to the above property and are being notified in accordance with the Town Bylaw. Please note that the above submission date is an estimate only; the actual meeting date will be determined once the HDC staff has established that a complete application has been submitted. Please contact the HDC office to verify the date. Please note that notification is only required at the time of initial submission of an application, not for each time an application goes before the Commission. Abutters are responsible for monitoring the status of applications.

Anticipated HDC Submission Date:

If you wish to comment on the above proposal, you are encouraged to submit your comments in writing to the HDC office. If you wish to testify at a Commission meeting please be aware that your testimony may be limited by the Commission in accordance with Commission policies, which are included on the back of this form. Due to the large sizes of most applications, the HDC office may not be able to send faxed copies of the plans. Off-island abutters wishing more detailed information may enlist an on-island representative to view the plans in the HDC office.

If you have any questions, please contact the HDC office at 508.228.7231.

#### HDC POLICIES FOR AN ABUTTER AND/OR INTERESTED PARTY TESTIMONY

Abutters are encouraged to limit their responses to issues that fall within the statutory mandate of the HDC – mainly the appearance of a proposal from the publicly traveled way and its impact on the existing historic environmental context. Issues such as land uses, noise, and impacts on private property are outside of the HDC's purview and cannot be addressed by the Commission.

In order to maintain a balance between the wishes of abutters and interested parties to express their concerns and the need of the HDC to conduct its business in a timely fashion, the following policies have been established:

Abutters and interested parties wishing to testify before the Commission shall be limited to three minutes of testimony. Only one representative from each abutting property or interested party shall be permitted to testify.

For those cases in which a substantial number of abutters and/or interested parties wish to testify (as determined by the Chair), the Chair shall structure the review of an application as follows:

- 1. Introduction of the application;
- 2. Response by applicant;
- 3. Public comment in favor of proposal;
- 4. Public comment in opposition of proposal;
- 5. Closing of public comment-no further comment unless requested by Commission members through the Chair;
- 6. Commission comments and discussion with applicant;
- 7. Commission action.

The above meeting policies may be waived at the discretion of the Chair.